

MoDOT closes I-44 through downtown next weekend

ST. LOUIS – The Missouri Department of Transportation will close all lanes of I-44 in both directions from Broadway to the Poplar Street Bridge next weekend.

Crews will close the interstate in both directions starting at 8 p.m. Friday, June 6 to remove the Market and Chestnut Street bridges over the interstate.

All lanes will reopen by 5 a.m. Monday, June 9.

This work is part of preparations for the CityArchRiver Park Over the Highway project.

The Eads Bridge will also be closed from 8 p.m. June 6 to 5 a.m. June 9 to ensure that interstate traffic moves smoothly.

Detour routes for the closure will be marked. Eastbound I 44 will be detoured up and over the closed portions of northbound Memorial to 3rd Street. Interstate traffic will get back on eastbound I-44 after the Martin Luther King Bridge. Westbound I-44 traffic will detour down Broadway. Traffic heading for southbound I-55 will use Spruce to get to the interstate. Traffic heading for eastbound I-64 will take Gratiot to the 6th Street ramp.

The work is part of the overall improvements to access between downtown and the interstate as part of the Park Over the Highway project. Crews will continue to work around Memorial Drive and the interstate ramps near Pine this winter and spring. It is a portion of CityArchRiver 2015, a transformational project that will enhance the Gateway Arch experience for all visitors. The project will create a seamless park experience from the city to the Mississippi River, providing visitors with a more vibrant and safer place to visit, enjoy, and return. This work will not significantly impact access to the Gateway Arch, which remains open during construction.

People can view the on-going construction on the Park Over the Highway project at the web camera at: <http://oxblue.com/open/modot/cityarchriver>.

Information about additional closures or traffic changes will be released when available.

For additional work zone information in the city or anywhere in Missouri, go to <http://traveler.modot.org/map>. For real time traffic in the greater St. Louis area, visit www.gatewayguide.com.